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A FINFlash Alert: The DOJ wants to hear from YOU Dear DoJ Rep;

I have observed the ongoing economic trend for the past years, and, I would like to offer my suggestions for sustaining growth in the high-speed digital age.

It gives me immense pleasure to write about Microsoft's approach in the industry, which is based on central theme of Rapid Innovation.

The full credit goes to key strategies played by Microsoft and the Leadership demonstrated in bringing the great innovations to life, encouraging people, engaging customers with their feedback on products which can change the future in a "boundaryless" fashion.

I appreciate Microsoft's customer centric policies, and I am fully confident that very soon, the new image of Microsoft's Innovation will take the responsibility for upholding and rolling out a new Digital Age never experienced before.

Today, the freedom to innovate and to keep America rolling is only possible after removing the bureaucratic hurdles from the society, and encourage key players like Microsoft to keep innovating at speed of thought.

There are many aspects currently worked upon by Microsoft which need your utmost support for the freedom to innovate -
Digital Signatures which can also benefit FAA,
Wireless with .NET Infrastructure for security,
Education
Telecommunication policies
e.Business
Customer Trust and Privacy

We, as the end consumers and residents are trying our level best to support Microsoft with all means like providing inputs for next generation of Internet Protocol, .NET, beta testing, product evaluation, to name a few.

I have also urged Microsoft to publish Bumper Stickers, and dynamic NewsFlashes for encouraging their spirit of innovation.

Microsoft has always respected small emerging companies and entrepreneurs worldwide, not only in Ohio, who are working hard and committed to innovation by sharing technology ideas and creating value added partnerships for enabling

win-win solutions.

Only the hurdles of few arrogant CEO and open minded gurus have misled the path towards innovation and creating Economic value add.

This will only add towards the worst scenarios of global recession in a cascading fashion, thereby impacting every vertical industry.

I appreciate your valuable time and hope that my views will go in a long way to establish a valuable communication link for sustaining ever expanding growth in the Digital Economy, which is only possible by the FREEDOM TO INNOVATE...

Thank you.

Sincerely,
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Subject: DOJ wants to hear from you on MS settlement

A FINFlash Alert: The DOJ wants to hear from YOU!

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For nearly four years, your voice has been instrumental in the debate over the freedom to innovate. Tens of thousands of concerned citizens have communicated to their public officials about whether the Microsoft case should be settled or further litigated. Despite the aggressive lobbying efforts of a few of Microsoft's competitors, the federal government and nine states finally reached a comprehensive agreement with Microsoft to address the reduced liability found in the Court of Appeals ruling. This settlement is tough, but reasonable and fair to all parties involved. Consumers overwhelmingly agree that settlement is good for them, the industry and the American economy.

However, this settlement is not guaranteed, and your voice is more important than ever.

The law (officially called the Tunney Act) requires a public comment period between now and January 28th after which the District Court will determine whether the settlement is in the "public interest." Unfortunately, a few special interests are attempting to use this review period to derail the settlement and prolong this litigation even in the midst of uncertain economic times. The last thing the American economy needs is more litigation that benefits only a few wealthy competitors and stifles innovation.

Don't let these special interests defeat the public interest.

Between now and January 28th, it is critical that the Department of Justice hears from you about the Microsoft settlement. The Department of Justice will then take all public comments and viewpoints and include them in the public record for the District Court to consider. Please send your comments directly to the Department of Justice via email or fax no later than January 28th. Whatever your view of the settlement, it is critical that the government hears directly from consumers. Please take action today to ensure your voice is heard.

Email: microsoft.atr@usdoj.gov . In the Subject line of the e-mail, type Microsoft Settlement.

Fax: 1-202-307-1454 or 1-202-616-9937

To find out more about the settlement and the Tunney Act comment period, go to the Department of Justice Website at: <http://www.usdoj.gov/atr/cases/ms-settle.htm>.

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